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Dear _____,

We have worked very hard this year to create a classroom filled with writing materials. We have helped the children begin to express themselves through writing by showing them how spoken words can be printed on the page. We have done this because we know that children learn from both the language that surrounds them and the examples modeled by their parents and teachers.

There are many ways that you can support _____'s writing development and help build literacy at home. For example, you can keep crayons, markers, pencils, and paper handy so that your child can practice drawing and writing. You can invite your child to watch—and even help—you write grocery lists and note cards or fill out forms.

Your child is learning and noticing new things all the time, at home, at school, and even while shopping with you. As you shop, point out the words on your list and compare them to the print on the labels.

Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to discuss your child's progress at school, share any concerns you may have about your child's literacy in general, or learn more about things you can do to help your child write at home.

Sincerely,